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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for wireless communication within a retail refueling environment, comprising:

an in-store controller at a retail refueling facility adapted to process at least one message relating to a retail refueling environment;

an in-store controller communication module at the retail refueling facility, connected to the in-store controller, comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one client module at the retail refueling facility comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one service device, connected to the at least one client module <u>by a first</u> wireless link, the at least one service device adapted to <u>receive and</u> process the at least one message; and

a <u>second</u> wireless communication link within the retail refueling facility adapted to communicate the at least one message between the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the communication module and the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the at least one client module.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the processing by the in-store controller comprises generating the at least one message.

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3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the processing by the in-store controller comprises extracting the at least one message.

- 4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect the in-store controller to the communication module.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect each of the at least one client module to a corresponding one of the at least one service device.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication link comprises a spread spectrum communication link.
- 7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one service device comprises a tank gauge monitor.
- 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one message comprises refueling tank level information.
- 9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one service device comprises a leak detection system.
- 10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the at least one message comprises leak detection information.
- 11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one message comprises customer transaction information.

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12. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one message is formatted according to a protocol link layer for transmission of at least one data packet, the at least one data packet comprising wired connection protocol information for a retail refueling environment.

- 13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one service device comprises at least one of a car wash controller, a satellite digital interface unit, and a price board controller.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A system for wireless communication within a retail refueling environment, comprising:

an indoor payment terminal (IPT) at a retail refueling facility adapted to process at least one message relating to a retail refueling environment;

an IPT communication module, connected to the IPT at the retail refueling facility, comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one client module at the retail refueling facility comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one peripheral device, connected to the at least one client module <u>by a first</u> <u>wireless link</u>, <u>the at least one peripheral device</u> adapted to <u>receive and</u> process the at least one message; and

a <u>second</u> wireless communication link within the retail refueling facility adapted to communicate the at least one message between the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the communication module and the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the at least one client module.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the at least one peripheral device comprises at least one of a customer display, a pin-pad, a journal printer, a receipt printer, a keyboard, an input mouse, a touchscreen, a barcode scanner, a cash drawer, a check approval interface, a surveillance camera, and a money order machine.

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16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the wireless communication link comprises a spread spectrum communication link.

17. (Currently Amended) An in-store to forecourt communication system for wireless communication within a retail refueling environment, comprising:

a point of sale (POS) network controller at a retail refueling facility adapted to process at least one message relating to a retail refueling environment;

a POS communication module at the retail refueling facility, connected to the POS network controller, comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver; at least one client module at the retail refueling facility comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one forecourt controller device, connected to the at least one client module by a first wireless link, the at least one forecourt controller device adapted to receive and process the at least one message; and

a <u>second</u> wireless communication link at the retail refueling facility adapted to communicate the at least one message between the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a receiver in the POS communication module and the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the at least one client module.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the processing by the POS network controller-comprises generating the at least one message.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the processing by the POS network controller comprises extracting the at least one message.

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20. (Previously Presented) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect the POS network controller to the communication module.

- 21. (Previously Presented) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect each of the at least one client module to a corresponding one of the at least one forecourt controller device.
- 22. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the at least one message formatted according to a protocol link layer for transmission of at least one data packet, the at least one data packet comprising wired connection protocol information for a retail refueling environment.
- 23. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the wireless communication link comprises a spread spectrum communication link.
- 24. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the POS network controller comprises customer access terminal (CAT) network controller.
- 25. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 24, wherein the at least one forecourt controller device comprises a customer access terminal (CAT) controller board.
- 26. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 25, further comprising at least one user interface device communicating with the CAT controller board via a wireless interface.

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27. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the POS network controller comprises a pump network controller.

- 28. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 27, wherein the at least one forecourt controller device comprises a pump computer.
- 29. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 28, further comprising at least one fuel dispensing component communicating with the pump computer via a wireless interface.
- 30. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 17, wherein the POS network controller comprises a radio frequency identification system (RFID) controller.
- 31. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 30, wherein the at least one forecourt controller device comprises a dispenser control board (DCB).
- 32. (Original) The in-store to forecourt communication system of claim 31, further comprising at least one customer identification device communicating with the dispenser control board via a wireless interface.
- 33. (Currently Amended) An intra-dispenser communication system for wireless communication within a retail refueling environment, comprising:
- a dispenser controller device at a retail refueling facility adapted to process at least one message relating to a retail refueling environment;
- a dispenser controller communication module at the retail refueling facility, connected to the dispenser controller device, comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

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at least one client module at the retail refueling facility comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver;

at least one dispenser peripheral, connected to the at least one client module by a first wireless link, the at least one dispenser peripheral adapted to receive and process the at least one message; and

a wireless second communication link at the retail refueling facility adapted to communicate the at least one message between the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the dispenser controller communication module and the at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver in the at least one client module.

- 34. (Currently Amended) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect the dispenser controller device to the dispenser controller communication module.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, further comprising a serial interface adapted to connect each of the at least one client module to a corresponding one of the at least one dispenser peripheral.
- 36. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, wherein the wireless communication link comprises a spread spectrum communication link.
- 37. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, wherein the at least one message is formatted according to a protocol link layer for transmission of at least one data packet, the at least one data packet comprising wired connection protocol information for a retail refueling environment.
- 38. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, wherein the dispenser controller device comprises a customer access terminal (CAT) controller board.

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39. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 38, wherein the least one dispenser peripheral comprises a user interface device.

- 40. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 39, wherein the user interface device comprises at least one of a receipt printer, a customer display, a keypad, a cash acceptor, a smartcard reader, a barcode reader, and an automatic refueling robot controller.
- 41. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, wherein the dispenser controller device comprises a pump computer.
- 42. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 41, wherein the least one dispenser peripheral comprises a fuel dispensing component.
- 43. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 42, wherein the fuel dispensing component comprises at least one of a price/volume display, a stop button, an emergency stop button, a select-to-start button, a push-to-start button, a nozzle boot microswitch, a valve, a vapor recovery system, and an automatic refueling robot.
- 44. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 33, wherein the dispenser controller device comprises a dispenser control board.
- 45. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 44, wherein the least one dispenser peripheral comprises a customer identification device.
- 46. (Original) The intra-dispenser communication system of claim 45, wherein the customer identification device comprises at least one of a bezel reader, a card reader, a smartcard

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transceiver, a tag transceiver, a nozzle antenna reader, a handheld reader, and a vehicle on-board system.

47. (Previously Presented) A method for wireless communication within a retail refueling environment, comprising the steps of:

generating at least one message formatted according to a protocol link layer for communication of at least one data packet, the at least one data packet comprising information relating to a retail refueling environment;

transmitting the at least one message over a wireless communication link at least two wireless communication links within the retail refueling environment;

receiving the at least one message via the wireless communication link within the retail refueling environment; and

processing the at least one message to extract the information relating to the retail refueling environment.

- 48. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one data packet further comprises wired connection protocol information.
- 49. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one message is further formatted to include a source address field identifying the address of a transmitter module that performs the step of transmitting.
- 50. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one message is further formatted to include a destination address field identifying the address of a receiver module that performs the step of receiving.
- 51. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one message is further formatted to include a message command field, the message command field indicating at least

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one of an attachment of a data packet, an acknowledgment/nonacknowledgment response, an inrange query, and an inrange response.

- 52. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one message is further formatted to include at least one of a message sequence number field, and a message length field indicating a total length of the at least one message.
- 53. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one message is further formatted to include at least one of a start-of-text field, an end-of-text field, and a cyclical redundancy check field.
- 54. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one data packet comprises customer transaction information.
- 55. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one data packet comprises pump control information.
- 56. (Original) The method of claim 47, wherein the at least one data packet comprises customer identification information.